

~~Dated: August 30, 1995.
Michael F. Dwyer,
District Manager, Las Vegas, NV.
[FR Doc. 95-22379 Filed 9-8-95; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 4310-HC-P~~

Bureau of Reclamation

Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Criteria for Evaluating Water Conservation Plans

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of draft decision of evaluation of water conservation plans.

SUMMARY: To meet the requirements of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) developed and published the Criteria for Evaluating Water Conservation Plans (Criteria) dated April 30, 1993. These Criteria were developed based on information provided during public scoping and public review sessions held throughout Reclamation's Mid-Pacific (MP) Region. Reclamation uses these Criteria to evaluate the adequacy of all water conservation plans developed by project contractors in the MP Region, including those required by the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982. The Criteria were developed and the plans evaluated for the purpose of promoting the most efficient water use reasonably achievable by all MP Region's contractors. Reclamation made a commitment (stated within the Criteria) to publish a notice of its draft determination on the adequacy of each contractor's water conservation plan in the *Federal Register* and to allow the public a minimum of 30 days to comment on its preliminary determinations. This program is ongoing; an updated list will be published to recognize districts as plans are revised to meet the Criteria.

DATES: All public comments must be received by Reclamation by October 11, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Please mail comments to the address provided below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debra Goodman, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, MP-402, Sacramento, CA 95825. To be placed on a mailing list for any subsequent information, please write Debra Goodman or telephone at (916) 974-2397.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under provisions of Section 3405(e) of the CVPIA (Title 34 of Public Law 102-575), "The Secretary (of the Interior) shall

establish and administer an office on Central Valley Project water conservation best management practices that shall * * * develop criteria for evaluating the adequacy of all water conservation plans developed by project contractors, including those plans required by section 210 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982." Also, according to Section 3405(e)(1), these criteria will be developed " * * * with the purpose of promoting the highest level of water use efficiency reasonably achievable by project contractors using best available cost-effective technology and best management practices."

The MP Criteria states that all parties (districts) that contract with Reclamation for water supplies (municipal and industrial contracts greater than 2,000 acre feet and agricultural contracts over 2,000 irrigable acres) will prepare water conservation plans which will be evaluated by Reclamation based on the following required information detailed in the steps listed below to develop, implement, monitor, and update their water conservation plans. The steps are:

1. Coordinate with other agencies and the public.
2. Describe the district.
3. Inventory water resources.
4. Review the past water conservation plan and activities.
5. Identify best management practices to be implemented.
6. Develop schedules, budgets, and projected results.
7. Review, evaluate, and adopt the water conservation plan.
8. Implement, monitor, and update the water conservation plan.

The MP contractors listed below have developed water conservation plans which Reclamation has evaluated and preliminarily determined meet the requirements of the Criteria.

• Clear Creek Community Services District

- Fresno Irrigation District
- Orland-Artois Water District
- Stockton East Water District

Public comment on Reclamation's preliminary (i.e., draft) determinations at this time is invited. Copies of the plans listed above will be available for review at Reclamation's MP Regional Office and MP's area offices. If you wish to review a copy of the plans, please contact Ms. Goodman to find the office nearest you.

Dated: August 28, 1995.

Franklin E. Dimick,
Assistant Regional Director.

[FR Doc. 95-22300 Filed 9-8-95; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-94-M

Recision of the Record of Decision on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Narrows Project, Small Reclamation Loan Program, Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), has prepared a final environmental impact statement (EIS) on the proposed Narrows Project. The EIS describes and presents the environmental effects of three alternatives, including no action, for a multiple purpose water development project that would provide water for irrigation and municipal use in north Sanpete County, Utah. This notice is for the purpose of rescinding the Record of Decision for this FEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles A. Calhoun, Regional Director, Upper Colorado Region, Bureau of Reclamation, UC-100, Mail Room 6107, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138-1102; Telephone: (801) 524-5592.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 28, 1995, the Carbon Water Committee, *et. al.*, filed an action in the United States District Court against Reclamation for declaratory judgment and injunctive relief. The primary assertion in the complaint is that Reclamation failed to comply with NEPA, in the preparation of the final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Narrows Project.

The complaint alleges a conflict of interest on the part of the contractor that Sanpete Water Conservancy District hired to prepare the EIS and the Loan application. By this recision action, Reclamation intends to initiate a close review of the NEPA document, specifically in light of a possible conflict of interest, to determine whether the contractor accurately portrayed the environmental consequences of the proposed action, both for the public and the decision makers.

Any further action under NEPA or processing of the loan application will await the outcome of this review.

Dated: September 6, 1995.

Charles A. Calhoun,
Regional Director.

[FR Doc. 95-22498 Filed 9-8-95; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-94-M
GLEN CANYON ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES OFFICE

MAR 1 1996

RECEIVED
FLAGSTAFF AZ

120.01
ENV-6.00
N234
23901 pt.3

INT 0516 - fed reg

GCES OFFICE COPY
DO NOT REMOVE!